59th Medical Wing



59 MDW
Gastroenterology
Product Line
Analysis
Clinic Response

Information Brief

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Overview

- 59 MDW/CC Follow-up Issues
 - From Step 1 Brief
- Basic CAMO Rules
 - Initial Clinic Business Rules
- Current/Future Problem Areas
- Support Requirements from 59 MDW/SA-MM

- MAPPG06 increased your physician staffing but decreased your support staffing by 1. Can the remaining staff support +1 physician staffing?
- Answer:
 - PLATT projected additional physician for 08 and not 06
 - Maintained nurse initially cut
 - No effect with regard to staffing

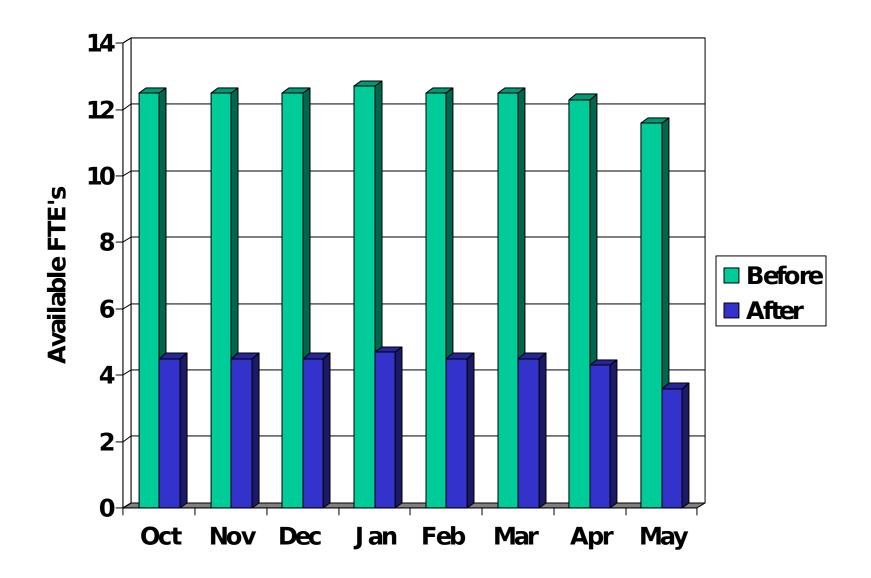
 Fix your MEPRS data. Specifically, ensure you code staff as "staff" and residents/fellows as GME.

Answer

- MEPRS data was a mess
 - Updated Data to reflect current staff
 - 7 fellows, 3 technicians, 2 nurses deleted
 - Updated AFSC's
 - 4 staff with fellow AFSC's
 - Revamping templates Capture Oct data

Revamping of Templates

- Old templates
 - Staff, Fellow, Military/Contract Nurse, technician templates (5)
- New templates
 - Physicians reflect who is actually here
 - Five staff templates/ Eight fellows templates
 - Army only report time worked in clinic
 - Nurses/technicians
 - Military/Contract nurse template
 - Technician Template
 - Monthly updates
 - TDY, deployments, con leave, call, special situations
 - Monitor website



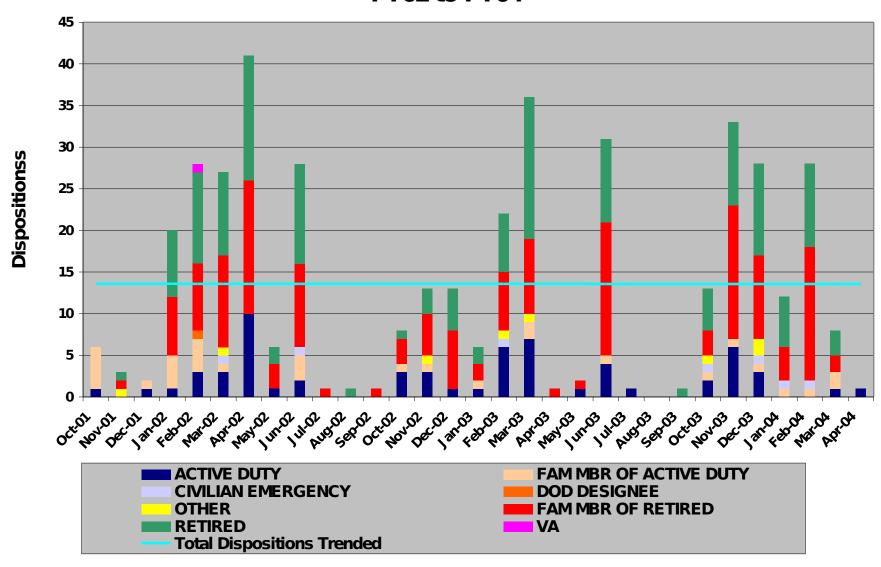
59 MDW asked you to provide information and f/u on the following issues

 Contact 59 MDSS and the inpatient coder; ensure the dispositions are coded correctly based on disposition and not as gastro just because the attending is a 44M3D.

Answer:

- MEPRS assigned at admissions correctly
- MEPRS changed during coding process
- Mrs. Briggs aware correction made 18 Oct
- Quarterly audit to ensure correction implemented

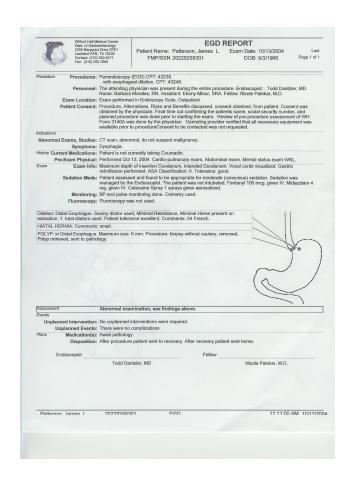
WHMC Gastroenterology Dispositions Trended FY02 to FY04



- Work with the outpatient coder auditor to ensure you are getting credit for fellow workload
 - Outpatient coders credit all billable workload staff providers
 - Unaware to give all workload to staff providers
 - Correction effective 18 Oct 04
 - Monitor monthly to ensure fix in place

- Ask Ms. Lesvia Millican to "re-audit" your CPT rates to show improvement.
- Answer
 - Repeat Audit BAGA and BAG5
 - 51 encounters
 - 21 Procedures all in BAG5
 - 5/21 (23.81%) correct CPT
 - Unbinding by the coder
 - Repeat audit 10 Nov 04

CPT CODING IN GI CLINIC



Procedures: Panendoscopy (EGD) CPT: 43235.
with esophageal dilation. CPT: 43248.

Personnel: The attending physician was present duri

Follow-up from Step 1 Brief (con't)

- Review the CHCS template extract and find out why CHCS isn't correctly reflecting the number of visits and procedures
- Answer
 - End of day processing not done in all sections
 - Monitor for trends
 - Review appointment utilization adjust templates as necessary
 - BAGA Sept 04 No show rate 38/408 (8.5%)
 - Change appointment reminder phone message
 - BAG5 Sept 04 No show rate 0/307

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- Ensure you include your coder in feedback sessions and work closely with him/her.
 - Auditor to meet with Staff/residents 10 Nov
 - Monitor Coding compliance on website
 - Quarterly have coder visit work center
 - Sooner if problems noted requiring attention
 - Centralized record turn in for section
 - 1 pickup location for records

Initial Clinic Business Rules

- What kinds of patients, what priority of care, procedures for working in sameday, or special patients, access, etc.
- We currently see
 - Active Duty and Dependents
 - Tricare Prime
 - GME requirement
 - Tricare Plus, Tricare Standard

Areas of Concern Current/Future Problem Areas Support Requirements

- Manning
 - No Secretarial support Out since March 2004
 - Over hire package in place
 - Long term contract for conscious sedation nurses
 (4)
 - Deployments
 - Technician turnover 5/9 Dec 04
 - Long start up time to become proficient
 - Pulled for military requirements
 - No shred out AFSC
 - Consideration to hire 1-2 civilians for stability

Areas of Concern Current/Future Problem Areas Support Requirements

Space

- GRU location in relation to unit
- Move to new location planned for 2005?
 - Ward 2B Same day surgery
 - Adequate Office space for physicians not in the master blueprint
- Update fluoroscopy room if not moving soon

Coding

- Generalized coders not aware of nuances of each specialty
- Hire specialty coders

Areas of Concern Current/Future Problem Areas Support Requirements

- Budget/Supplies
 - Mannometry Catheter for ERCP
 - Increase numbers for GME requirement